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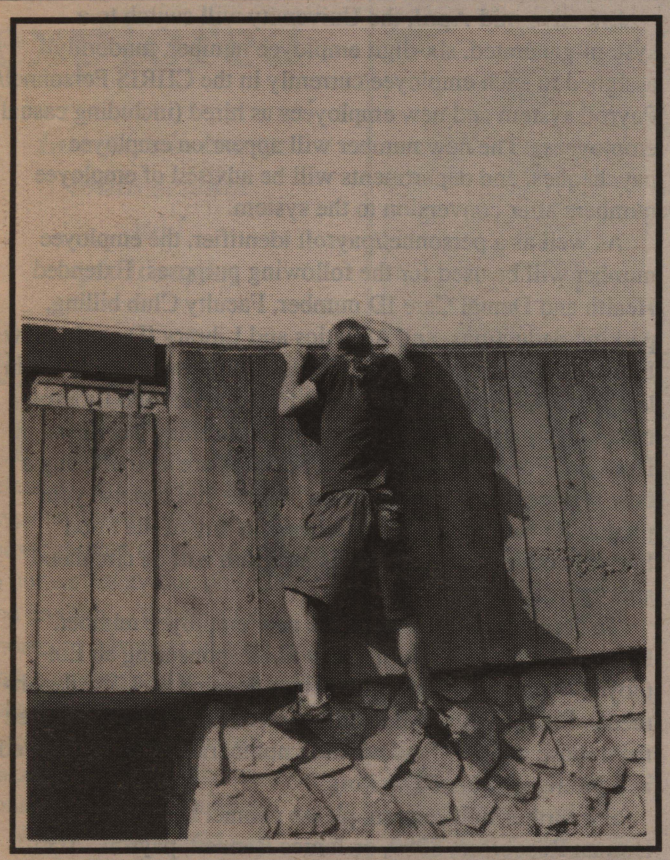

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Scene on campus

Climbing the walls has become a Spring rite at UVic. The weeks prior to final exams are when students can be frequently spotted climbing the buildings.

Scully to resign as VP

Return to academic pursuits

UVic's Vice-President Academic and Provost Dr. Sam Scully has announced his intention to resign effective June 30, 1996 and to return to his faculty duties in the Department of Classics. Citing "various factors and issues both institutional and personal," Scully indicated in a letter to President Dr. David Strong that he was making his intentions known now to allow "ample time for the search process that must now ensue."

"It has been a special privilege to serve the University in this very rewarding capacity," Scully said.

"Once I established that his decision was irrevocable, I accepted Dr. Scully's resignation with great regret and expressed my deep appreciation to him, both personally and on behalf of the UVic community, for his hard work and the many substantial contributions he has made to the University as Vice-President Academic," said Strong. "I wish him equal success in his return to his academic pursuits."

Scully was appointed as Vice-President Academic in 1988. He was re-appointed for a second five-year term in 1993. Over the course of his term Scully has played a key role in significant academic developments at UVic including a substantial broadening of graduate programs, the introduction of new areas such as Earth and Ocean Sciences and Business, and the creation of the University's 12 interdisciplinary centres.

Strong indicated that a committee will be struck in the near future to conduct the search for Scully's successor.

Strategic plan discussed

Student focus stressed

On March 22, members of the University community participated in six discussion groups and a town hall meeting to discuss reactions to the issue papers published in *The Ring* March 10. *The Ring* attended the town hall meeting and three of these groups—Governance, Learning and Teaching, and Internationalization.

Town Hall Meeting

"When you talk of strategic plans, you must have a student focus in mind," Director of Student Services Jim Griffith told 40 faculty, staff and students who attended the town hall meeting in the Begbie Building. Dr. Sam Scully, Vice-president, Academic presided over the meeting. Griffith's views were echoed by participants who identified services to students, the issue of teaching versus research, and the focus on research with economic spin-offs as the crucial issues emerging from the six issue papers authored by members of the University's Strategic Planning Task Force.

Reading from a prepared text, Jennifer Margison, Manager Student Employment Centre, said that the plan does not address the needs of the student.

"We recognize that students come to the University with lives already. Our goal is to enhance their intellectual, physical, social, cultural, sexual, and spiritual development. This plan makes only veiled references to professional staff in STAS and ignores such services as financial aid, athletics, child care, housing and health services."

Participants identified the drop-out rate of 40 per cent as one indicator of the lack of attention to students and suggested that the University needs to create an environment that encourages the completion of degrees.

"A 60 per cent survival rate in a hospital would be unacceptable," said graduate student Jim Hanson.

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Thieves nabbed

Passerby alerts Campus Security

BY ROBIE LISCOMB

Thanks to the assistance of alert members of the campus community, three men in their 30s were caught stealing bicycles and arrested April 3. At 10 p.m. a passerby alerted Campus Security that three men were acting suspiciously around the bike racks in front of the McPherson Library. Campus Security officers went to the scene and observed them cutting the lock off a bike and walking it towards parking lot C, where a Security van was waiting. When the three saw the Security officers, they dropped the bicycle and, when approached by the officers, denied having stolen the bike. Another passerby then brought over the bolt cutters that the suspects had used in the theft. Police were called, and the three were arrested. Charges are being laid.

"We would like to thank the members of the campus community who provided us with information that led to these arrests," says Campus Security Services Assistant Manager Ken Marrison. "Our officers can't be everywhere at all times, so this kind of co-operation from people on campus is very important in helping make the University a safer place to study and work."

INSIDE

This edition of *The Ring* contains two supplements:

The President's Annual Report for 1993-94

The Research Bulletin

New info officer sets course

Teresa Moore may be UVic's newest information officer, but she's no stranger to UVic. Last summer, Moore literally lived on campus in her capacity as Media Relations Director for the Canadian Commonwealth Games team. From the team's headquarters in the Athletes' Village, she directed media relations staff there and in the Canon Main Press Centre downtown.

In the past, Moore has substituted for information officers on vacation or leave from the Public Relations and Information Services office, and admits that fondness for her fellow workers influenced her decision to apply for the position on a full-time basis. UVic received over 200 applications for the position.

"I really like working with people," she says when asked what attracted her to UVic. "Universities are about people. It's similar to working in sports. There, you deal with athletes, coaches and officials. At a university, you're dealing with students, faculty and staff."

PATTY PITTS PHOTO

Moore sets up laptop on deck of Bequi

After graduating from the University of Toronto with a BA in 1971, Moore was a co-ordinator with Vancouver's Rape Relief and was an editorial page editor with the Medicine Hat News prior to becoming a promotions co-ordinator with the Elizabeth Fry Society. In 1979 she became director of communications with the Canadian Figure Skating Association (CFSA). Over the next 10 years her work with the CFSA and as a media relations consultant took her to three Olympic Games (Sarajevo, Lake Placid and Calgary) and many national and international competitions.

"I usually went to Europe at least once a year," she recalls, "and I've been in skating rinks in every province in Canada except Newfoundland."

Moore does most of her travelling now by boat. She lives aboard *Bequi*, a 50-foot sloop, that she and her husband plan to enter in the 1996 Victoria-Maui yacht race.

"I have to know I'll be going sailing," says Moore, who has spent two lengthy periods sailing in the Caribbean and South America. "It's definitely in my blood. It's not something I'm going to get over!"

Now Moore hopes she can assist UVic to navigate its future.

"Public Relations and Information Services will be playing a role in helping the University achieve its goals and missions as articulated in its strategic plan. My strengths are planning and dealing with issues. These are the areas where I'd like to contribute the most."

Athletes honoured at dinner

Kopeck & Hassett outstanding

UVic's top athletes added to their collection of honours March 28 when they were recognized at the 1995 annual Athletics Awards banquet. No one sport dominated the prize list as awards were presented to members of a variety of Vikes teams.

The outstanding female athlete of the year was **Laurelee Kopeck**, who scored the winning goal for the Vikes field hockey team at last fall's Canadian Interuniversity Athletics Union (CIAU) championship to give the team its sixth national title. She has been a member of Canada's national team since 1989 and was named to the CIAU first all-star team. The outstanding male athlete of the year was **Gavin Hassett** of the Vikes rowing team. Hassett was a double gold medal winner at the 1994 Royal Canadian Henley, a bronze medalist at the 1994 Commonwealth Rowing Championships and a fourth place finisher at the 1994 World Championships in Atlanta.

The Robert T. Wallace Award, presented to the outstanding male and female athletes in their first year of competition in intercollegiate sports, was awarded to **Eric Hinrichsen**, of the Vikes basketball team, and **Allison Barriscale** of the Vikes swim team. For Hinrichsen, the award was the latest in a long list of honours he's received already this year. He was named Canada West rookie-of-the-year, CIAU rookie-of-the-year and was one of the league's most consistent players. Barriscale staged an impressive comeback last fall after being sidelined for six months with mononucleosis. She won two gold medals at the Canada West championships and two silver medals and a bronze medal at the CIAU championships.

Todd Langley, of the Vikes men's basketball team, was awarded the President's Cup in recognition of his outstanding scholastic achievement and athletic ability. The Vikes captain maintained a 8.7 grade point average (GPA) in political science while being named to the Canada West second all-star team. He's also a participant in the Saanich Police "Stay in School" program.

Kim Calder, of the Vikes women's rowing team, was presented the Martlet Athletic Award for her service and administrative contributions to the sport. In addition to being team captain, Calder organizes special fundraising and promotional events. **Joan Thompson**, the manager of the Vikes men's basketball team, and **Mike Effray**, the manager of the Vikes swim team, tied for Manager of the Year.

Justine Allen, of the Vikes field hockey team, was given the inaugural Provost's Award for Excellence. This new award is given to an outstanding student/athlete with a high academic average who has satisfied the minimum requirements for acclamation as an academic All-Canadian. Allen is currently pursuing a master's degree in psychology. A co-captain of the Vikes team, she is currently holding an 8.0 GPA.

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Employee numbers

Due to changes in the Income Tax Act and implementation of the Protection of Privacy Act, the University will discontinue using social insurance numbers for employee identification.

Effective mid-April, the University will switch to a system-generated, six-digit employee number, randomly assigned to each employee currently in the CHRIS Personnel/Payroll system and new employees as hired (including casual employees). The new number will appear on employee paycheques, and departments will be advised of employee numbers after conversion to the system.

As well as a personnel/payroll identifier, the employee number will be used for the following purposes: Extended Health and Dental Care ID number, Faculty Club billing, parking deductions, and Athletics and Library ID cards. New Extended Health and Dental Cards will be issued by MSA in late April. UVic picture ID cards for Athletics and Library membership are available through Counselling Services. Housing, Food and Conference Services are also offering a new service called "Dining Plus" where you can use your picture ID card to pay for purchases in any of the Food Services outlets. Details of this program will be circulated shortly.

To heighten awareness of the new employee number, Human Resources and Payroll will be sponsoring an Employee Number Lottery, with prizes donated by UVic departments. Several employee numbers will be randomly selected from those assigned and winning numbers will be announced in a future edition of *The Ring*.

For further information, please contact Lois Jones in Human Resources, 8089, or Janice Bennett, payroll, 7036.

Inquiry into certification

Professional staff votes to proceed

In a recent poll, UVic's administrative and professional staff voted to proceed with efforts toward certification with an official bargaining unit. Ballots were cast by 258 staff members (61 per cent of eligible voters), with 213 (83 per cent) in favour and 45 (17 per cent) opposed. As a result of the vote, an action plan committee has been struck and will arrange for a series of information meetings at which professional staff can gain familiarity with various potential bargaining agents prior to choosing among them. Members of the action plan committee are: John Goudy (Physics & Astronomy), Chair; Wayne MacDonald (Athletics & Recreation); Janice Bennett (Accounting); Dr. Larry Devlin (Continuing Studies); and Beth Watton (Arts & Science).

Budget cuts loom

Grant doesn't cover inflation costs

UVic will receive a small increase in its base operating grant from the provincial government for 1995-96 but the increase isn't enough to prevent further budget cuts at the University. The provincial grant of $97,421,561 amounts to a 0.6 per cent general increase over last year's operating grant and an increase of 0.7 per cent to support additional undergraduate enrolment. Overall, the provincial government increased its funding to the post-secondary system by 3.8 per cent.

"The grant to UVic, while an increase, isn't enough to cover the costs associated with inflation so budget cuts are likely,"explained Vice-President Finance and Operations Dr. Don Rowlatt.

University administrators will now apply the information about the provincial grant to the budgets already submitted by various departments on campus and decide where cuts will take place. The Board of Governors is expected to determine UVic's 1995/96 operating budget in May. In notifying post-secondary institutions about their grants, the government stressed it was important for universities and colleges to meet their funded enrolment targets in 1995-96.

Quote

"The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of. "

—*Pensee*, Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Aspects of the mind explored

Interface between brain science and philosophy

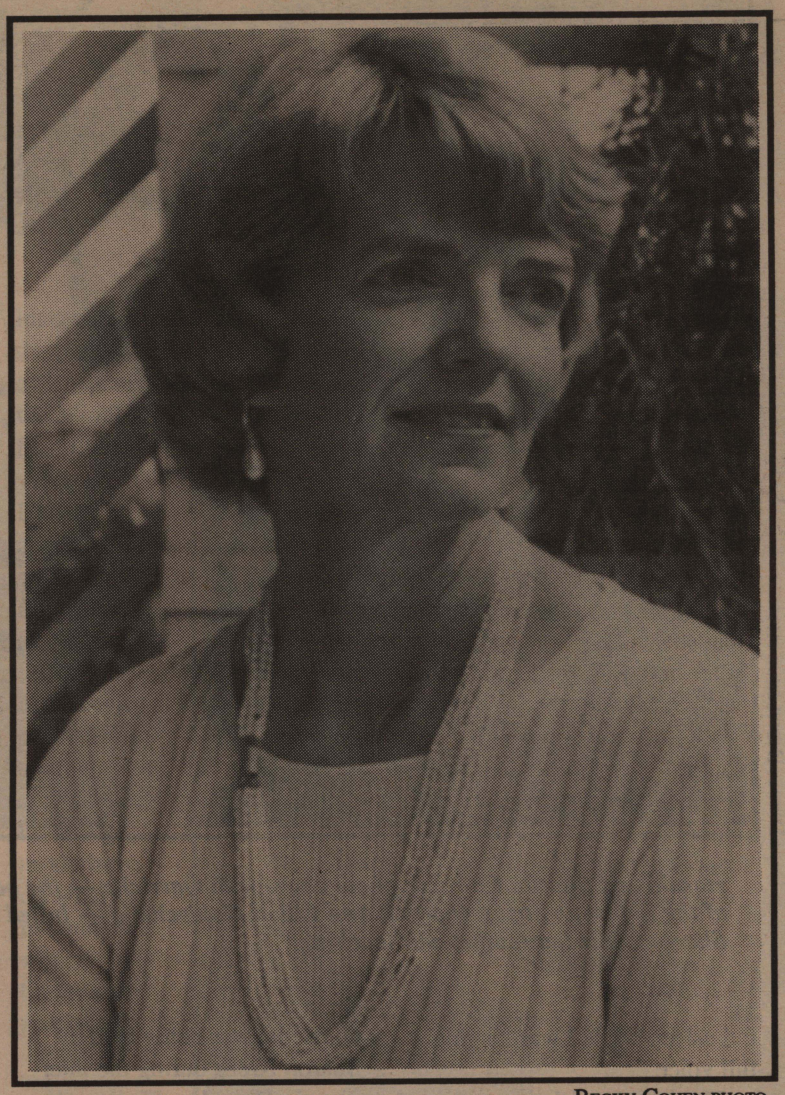
By Patty Pitts

The mysteries of the mind remain as compelling today as they were when scientists and scholars first began examining the body's most complex organ for answers to human behaviour, abilities and emotions. Yet, despite enormous advances in our understanding of the brain at the cellular level, many aspects of mental phenomena remain puzzling, including the nature of consciousness and thinking.

While philosophers and psychologists doubt a biological explanation for psychological phenomena can be found, Dr. Patricia Churchland argues that mental functions are actually functions of the physical brain. She'll discuss her research in neurophilosophy, the interface between brain science and philosophy, in the next President's Distinguished Lecture "Prospects for a Neurobiology of Consciousness" May 5 at 8 p.m. in the Commons Dining Room in the Commons Block. This free, public illustrated lecture is the first in the "Mind Series," which introduces a series of speakers at President's Distinguished Lectures whose topics involve the many aspects of the mind.

Churchland is a sought-after speaker in both her native Canada and the United States. In 1986, her book *Neurophilosophy* launched a new field of philosophical study.

"The aim of the book was to integrate ideas and data from psychology, neuroscience and philosophy," says Churchland. "In particular, I wanted to show that many traditional questions in philosophy could now be addressed in a fresh way because of new discoveries in neuroscience and in psychology. I suggested that people who were sure that the mind could be understood without knowing about the brain were wrong. My basis position is very simple: if we want to understand ourselves, we need to know how the brain works."



Becky Cohen photo

Patricia Churchland, President's Distinguished Lecturer, will speak on May 5.

Churchland was born in Oliver, B.C. and received an honours BA in philosophy from UBC. Awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, she attended the University of Pittsburgh for her MA and received her PhD at Oxford on a British Council Fellowship.

After returning to Canada, she decided to learn more about brain anatomy and structure and took classes with medical students at the University of Manitoba. She did rounds in the neurology wards of the Winnipeg General Hospital and studied the nature of brain function and how damage to human brains through strokes and disease affects perception, decision making and judgment.

In 1991 she was awarded the distinguished MacArthur prize. Currently at the Salk Institute at the University of California at San Diego, Churchland is using computer models of brain systems study neural networks and brain functions. A book she co-authored with Dr. Terrence Sejnowski in 1992, *The Computational Brain*, is widely regarded as a foundational book in neural network research (connectionism).

Connectionist research merges psychology and philosophy with computer science and biological study.

"In the book we tried to show computer models can be a bridge between what we know of the brain's cellular operations and what we know about its larger systems properties, such as being able to see colour, motion, and depth," says Churchland. "Computer models are not a substitute for the data gained from studying brain lesions and cells. They are an additional technique to be used in conjunction with basic neuroscience."

Churchland's unconventional approach to questions about the mind and her synthesis of widely diverse areas of brain research has attracted the attention of both the academic community and the media. She has been interviewed on CBC, CNN, PBS and currently appears on the Discovery Channel series "The Brain: The Universe Within."

Come see the blooms at UVic

Garden Tea and Tour, April 23

UVic's Finnerty Garden Friends will host the third annual Garden Tea and Tour on Sunday, April 23 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Guided walking tours with gardening experts allow the general public to view the Finnerty Gardens at one of the best times of the year.

The free tours will depart from the Interfaith Chapel entrance to the Gardens regularly throughout the afternoon. Refreshments will be served by the UVic Retirees Association.

The University Gardens were developed in 1974 through an estate left to the University by the late Jeanne Simpson. Simpson and her husband began a garden in the 1920s and had a notable collection of rhododendron species, many nearly 50 years old, at their home in Marble Bay, Lake Cowichan. The Simpson's gift transferred to the University the responsibility for a significant collection of what was becoming a very popular genus among Victoria gardeners.To provide more accessibility to the public and to better maintain the garden, UVic moved the Simpson's plants to campus and designated three acres of land near the University Chapel.The University asked several local rhododendron enthusiasts to assist in planning the gardens and these people formed UVic's Finnerty Garden Friends, an organization which has continued to guide and finance the development of the Gardens.

The Garden Friends host an annual Tea and Tour each April and a highly successful plant sale. This year the plant sale will be in the McKinnon Gym on Sunday, May 7. For more information on either event or the Garden Friends, contact Dr. Betty Kennedy at 592-2070.

Alumni gift helps grads' career search

$10,500 gift for Career Search course

A gift from the University of Victoria Alumni Association will provide timely career search strategy advice this spring for new UVic grads. The $10,500 gift enables the UVic Student Employment Centre to offer its Career Search Strategies course in May solely to recent graduates. Normally, the majority of the seats in this successful course that's held 10 times a year are funded through Human Resources Development Canada (Saanich) for people on unemployment insurance.

The alumni gift gives UVic grads the opportunity to take the three-week, full-time course that focuses on job search strategies, interviewing skills and resume preparation while emphasizing the hidden job market and the need to network.

Centre manager Jennifer Margison submitted the proposal for funding a course to the grants and allocations committee of the association's board who were "quite enthusiastic" about it.

"It's an opportunity to do something real and tangible for young alumni," says development officer Don Jones, the committee's staff representative. "We don't often have the opportunity to do something meaningful for the new grads."

At the Board of Governors

At its regular meeting on March 27 the UVic Board of Governors approved the following items recommended by the University Senate:

- the establishment of a Centre for Environmental Health from April 1, 1995 to March 31, 2000
- the approval of The Dorothy and Hugh Cole Bursary for engineering students and the Lynne Conway-Wilson Memorial Bursary for promising students in theatre
- the approval of the Search Procedures for the Dean of Business

The Board approved the Schedule of Child Care Fees, effective May 1, 1995 which called for no increase in fees for the main program and an increase from $380 to $400 per month for the Summer Fun program.

The Board also approved a two per cent increase in student residences fees.

No more $100 registration deposit for returning students

Effective September 1995, only undergraduates admitted to UVic for the first time will be required to pay the $100 deposit before gaining access to Telreg. Law Faculty and graduate acceptance deposits will still be required. Most returning students are committed to continuing their studies at UVic and do not hold spaces here if enrolling at other institutions. The removal of this barrier to returning students has been very well received, reports Director of Financial Services, Bob Worth.

Little known lullabies live on

Lullabies for Rory

By Donna Danylchuk

A book of German lullabies given to Sharon Krebs by her grandfather when she was a child inspired her and husband, Harald (Music), to make a tape for their first nephew on his first birthday.

"We didn't plan to go commercial," says Sharon, now that the tape and the CD of *Lullabies for Rory* are on the market. But, after a year-long search for lullabies in the libraries of Europe, as they recorded in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall at UVic, the Krebses were told by colleagues, "You can't do all this for just one baby."

The project got off the ground during Harald's recent study leave. While Harald, a music theorist and pianist, did research on Robert Schumann in libraries in Paris, London, Berlin and Vienna, Sharon, a soprano who often participates in lecture recitals with her husband, combed the shelves for lullabies. When she found scores for obscure lullabies, she brought them to Harald to read. "He can hear music in his head. The ones he said 'yes' to, we photocopied," she explains.

The couple returned to Canada with more than 100 scores for lullabies in a variety of moods, styles and languages. They picked 23 lullabies, many of them never before recorded, from England, Scotland, Ireland, Russia, Spain, Germany and France. Among them are settings of a group of four seasonal texts by German poet Robert Reinick. The Krebes found the "summer" and "winter" settings, by Hugo Wolf, first. After coming across a setting of "autumn" in Bonn, they realized that a setting of Reinick's spring poem must also exist. After many months of searching, they located one in Berlin, completing this unique group.

The recording engineer for *Lullabies for Rory was* Russell Dawkins, husband of Music faculty oboist Sandra Pohran-Dawkins.

"We did child testing,," laughs Sharon "on the Dawkins' nine- week old son, Simon. He fell asleep while I was singing full voice."

The editing of the recording was done by Mark Franklin, and the marketing in part by his company, Media Magic. Franklin is the husband of the second violinist of the Lafayette String Quartet, Sharon Stanis. The first violinist's one-year old daughter, Garriella, was being held by Sharon Krebs during the interview in Harald's office — she had just been lulled to sleep by lullabies sung by Sharon while her mother was teaching a class.

"We are very lucky with our colleagues. They are very supportive," says Harald.

Lullabies for Rory is available for sale — along with all other School of Music faculty CD's — in the Music office in the B wing of the MacLaurin Building, as well as at A&B Sound, Musical Friends in Oak Bay Village, and The Shieling Gift Shop in Cadboro Bay Village.

Donna Danylchuk photo

Harald and Sharon Krebs, in photo above with Garriella — the baby daughter of the first violinist of the Lafayette String Quartet, Ann Elliott-Goldschmid — lulled to sleep by lullabies sung by Sharon while her mother was teaching.

"Incomparably valuable" book collection at UVic

Catholic Diocese gives 4,000 books

By Robie Liscomb

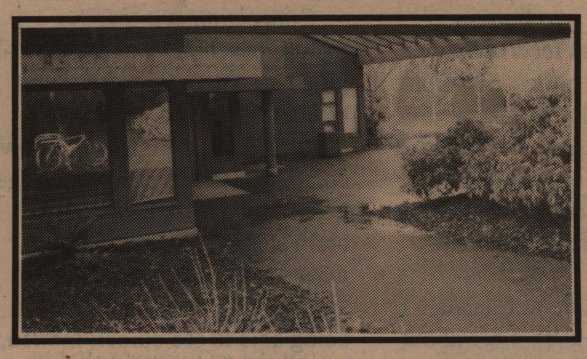
About 30 people from the Catholic Diocese of Victoria, the University, and the UVic Centre for Studies in Religion and Society gathered in University Archives in the basement of the MacPherson Library March 30 to witness the signing of an agreement transferring the title to a formidable collection of books from the Diocese to the Centre. The Diocese was represented by Bishop Remi de Roo. President David Strong signed on behalf of the University.

The Bishop Seghers Collection, comprising some 4,000 volumes, has been on loan to UVic from the Diocese since 1976. The collection is essentially the personal library of Bishop Seghers, Bishop of Victoria from 1873 to 1886. It also includes collateral works purchased by the Diocese after Seghers' death. The collection is rich in continental imprints from the 16th to the 19th centuries in Latin, French, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish, and English and reflects Seghers' broad interests: philosophy, ethics, psychology, science, Roman history, drama and music.

Nicholas Barker, advisor to the British National trust and former head of conservation and deputy keeper of the British Library described the Seghers Collection as "incomparably valuable as a document of church history...as a document of the history of Canada and in particular British Columbia, ... and as a document of the history of the book, in particular of the history of printing and book binding, the book trade, and the dissemination of learning."

It has been used by UVic researchers in Medieval Studies, History, English, Classics, and History in Art, as well as by a number of outside researchers, and it provides valuable support for research conducted under the auspices of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.

The Centre and the Diocese will raise funds to add to the collection and to cover costs associated with restoration, repair, and rebinding of the collection.



Faculty club thrives

Most reasonable fees in Canada

"A club like this is an island of calm in a busy place. It's a good place to meet people and have great conversations. We'd like to encourage more people to join, to share in the pleasure of it all."
— Dr. Ted Wooley, Chair of Board of Directors of UVic Faculty Club

Members of the UVic Faculty Club Board of Directors are quietly singing the praises of their club, which is nestled in the trees west of the Ring road, away from the hub of the campus.

At a time when many university faculty clubs across the country are struggling to stay afloat and some, at least four, have shut down in the past year, UVic's Faculty Club is carrying on comfortably.

Not only is the club meeting its financial obligations, it has not raised its $12 monthly membership fee — the most reasonable in Canada — in many years.

Apart from outside landscaping and payroll administration, which are looked after by the University, the club pays its own way. The food is prepared in the club's modern kitchen and served in the large dining room during the busy lunch hour. A small dining room is available for people to eat in the evenings, when the larger dining room is closed or in use for other events.

In an interview in the club's comfortable lounge, attended by club board members Wooley and Dr. Walter Muir (Education) and club manager, Edmund Vlaszaty, the secret of the club's success unfolded.

"Management makes the difference," said Muir.

Club manager Vlaszaty, by his own admission, works "only about 18 hours a day" and, according to Wooley and Muir, he is a major reason for the club's success.

"He's one of the reasons we're doing so well — his attention to detail," says Wooley of Vlaszaty, who was with the UBC Faculty Club before coming to UVic in 1983. (UBC's club, which also operated a 17 room hotel, went into receivership and finally closed down in August last summer.)

While UVic's Club has no facilities for overnight guests, it receives additional important revenue from special functions such as weddings. Already, the club is booked for weekend functions for throughout 1995, and has received advance bookings as far ahead as December, 1996.

"I can't think of a nicer place in Victoria for a wedding reception," volunteers Muir, referring to the tasteful west coast design and cedar construction, in a setting of high trees, landscaped flowers and shrubs blooming year round reflecting in the outdoor pool, sometimes graced by ducks and ducklings gliding by. The club building and setting has undergone a graceful metamorphosis since it began its life in an army hut on the eastern side of campus, in 1967. It was former Director of Campus Planning, Ian Campbell, who suggested the present site, Vlaszaty recalled.

Club membership is now at 1,150 and is open to all faculty and staff members of UVic as well as Board of Governors members, members of Senate, and presidential appointees. Sponsored evening memberships are available for other members of the community.

The UVic club has reciprocal agreements with many other faculty and university clubs in Canada and the United States, some of which have facilities for overnight accommodation.

People interested in joining or looking for more information may contact the manager, Edmund Vlaszaty, at local 7935.

Water's role in Middle East peace

"A good way of stating the question is Who owns the rain?"

By Patty Pitts

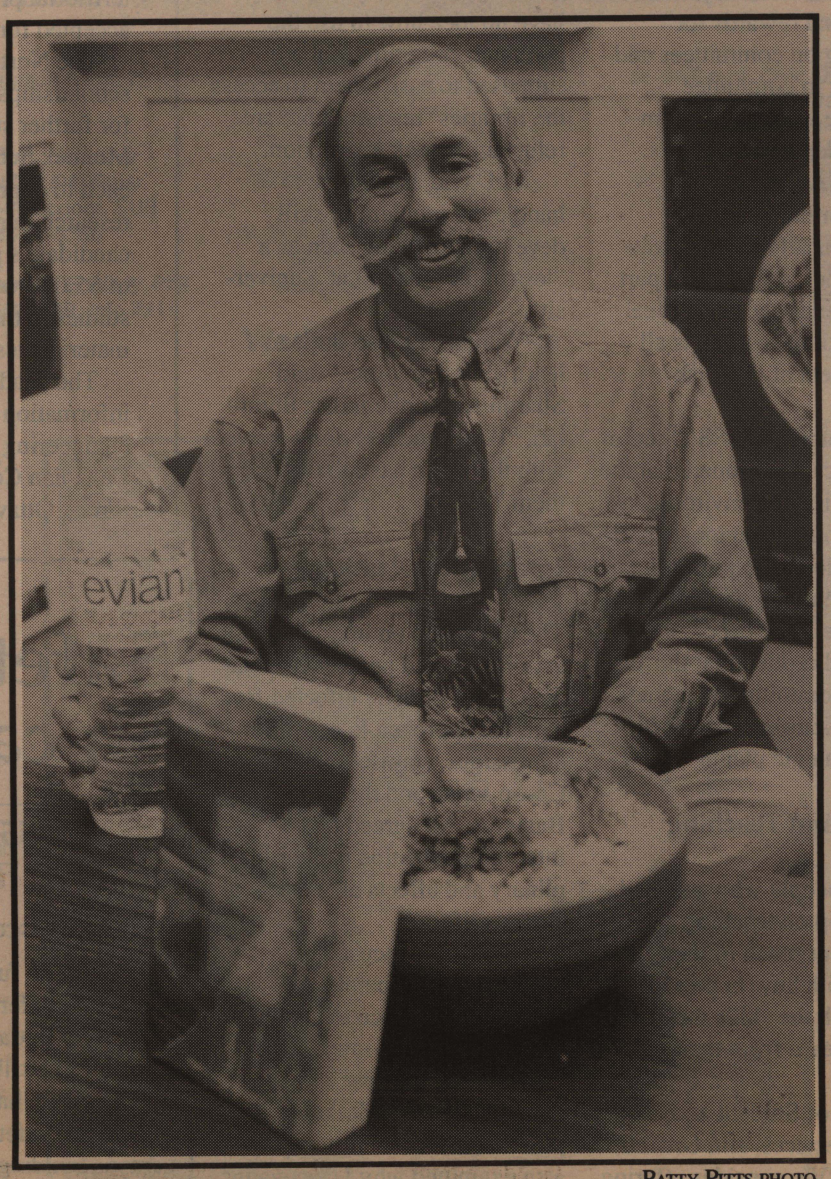
Images flashed around the world of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East depict the anger and violence regularly erupting between people in a struggle for the control of land. Political ideologies, religious beliefs and historical claims all influence the invective and projectiles hurled back and forth between the warring factions, but little is said about how what's *under* the land affects the Middle Eastern conflict.

Watershed, The Role of Fresh Water in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, a new book by Dr. Stephen Lonergan (Geography) and Dr. David Brooks of the Ottawa-based International Development Research Centre, examines how an always-precious commodity is also one of the most contentious issues in the fragile Middle Eastern peace process.

"A good way of stating the question is 'Who owns the rain?'" says Lonergan, attempting to explain the basic principle facing negotiators attempting to resolve a peaceful agreement in an incendiary climate. "There has to be an agreement reached over the joint management of water before there's any chance of an overall peace agreement."

Watershed provides an overview of the critical role water plays in the peace negotiations, gives an analysis of the current control of water by the Israeli government, and offers recommendations for those who will be involved in future negotiation of water usage.

Lonergan first became involved in the politics of water in the Middle East five years ago. He was approached by the Department of National Defence to offer advice on the effect global environmental change might have on security in countries where Canada had peacekeeping forces. When the Middle Eastern peace process was launched in 1991, Lonergan began advising the Canadian government on water-related issues affecting the negotiations.



Patty Pitts photo

Imported bottled water is served when Lonergan attends discussions in the Middle East on how the domestic variety is affecting the peace process. His new book examines the issue in depth.

"It snowballed from there," says Lonergan who has been to the Middle East, including Israeli-occupied territories, four times. "Initially I investigated how climate change was affecting the region. Then I began looking at the Israelis and the Palestinians and how they used the water resource."

Lonergan disagrees that access to and control of water were the primary causes of the 1967 Middle East war, but says it was a contributing factor. *Watershed* states that Israel's reputation as a country that manages its water well is not entirely accurate, and that the country is currently facing a water crisis. Lonergan says Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have easier access to water than the Palestinians, and that the Palestinians pay a much higher price for whatever water they do receive.

Economic and population growth has placed a heavy burden on the aquifers, the subterranean sources of water, that lie under the disputed territories and which supply 60 per cent of Israel's fresh water. According to Lonergan, water has always played a crucial role in the region's history. Thousands of years ago the presence of water dictated the locations of villages. In 70 AD, the embattled residents of Masada held off Roman forces for three years because of elaborate water catchment and storage systems built into the almost-impenetrable hilltop fortress.

Nearly 2,000 years later water still looms as one of the most important factors in a Middle East peace agreement. The resource is so contentious that it is considered one of five issues, including arms control and refugees, that cannot be discussed bilaterally between Israelis and Palestinians. Water issues are being dealt with in multi-lateral negotiations among representatives from over 25 other countries.

"If substantial gains aren't made on water issues in six months," predicts Lonergan, "it may be a long time before there is a peace agreement, with the Israeli elections coming up."

He leaves it to one of the sources in his book, Israeli hydrology professor Dr. Uri Shamir, to sum up the significance of water to a meaningful peace accord: "If there is political will for peace, water will not be a hindrance. If you want reasons to fight, water will give you ample opportunities."

Third best in Canada

Math students place 14th in North America-wide test

By Teresa Moore

O.K. Pour yourself a cup of coffe, grab a pen and paper, put your feet up, and look at this simple mathematical quiz:

Let A and B be 2x2 matrices with integer entries such that A, A+B, A+2B, A+3B, and A+4B are all invertible matrices whose inverses have integer entries. Show that A+5B is invertible and that its inverse has integer entries.

Got it? Well if you did, Dr. Ahmed Sourour (MATH/STATS) wants YOU. Sourour is the coach of UVic's team entry into the annual William Lowel Putnam Mathematical Competition. The competition pits the best young mathematicians against other undergraduates from universities and colleges across North America. The gruelling six hour competition, which involves solving 12 mathematical problems like the one above, was held last December. The results are just in and UVic's team of Jared Anderson, Idris Mercer and Peter Dukes has finished 14th overall and third in Canada, behind the University of Waterloo which was fifth and U of T which was 10th. Six other UVic students, Graeme Leeming, Andres Rodriguez, Heath Emerson, Sarah Gajek, Justin Barrett and Danielle Mathews, competed individually.

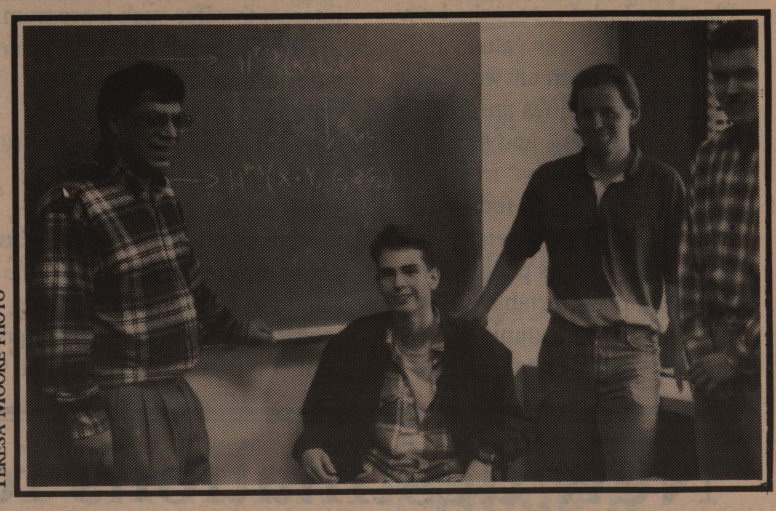
Sourour and math chair Dr. Bill Pfaffenberger were impressed with the team's results.

"It is really incredible when you think of it," said Pfaffenberger. "We are a very small school competing against over 2,300 students from 400 of the top institutions in North America. All the top U.S. schools were represented." Harvard, which has won the competition for the last 10 years, finished first followed by Cornell, MIT, Princeton and Waterloo.

UVic's finish is also impressive because all nine students scored points. The competition is so difficult that out of a possible 120 points, the mean score is only three. Over 20 per cent of the competitors score no points at all. UVic's entries ranged from two points to 47. Anderson topped the list.

The secret to UVic's success (last year Mercer and Anderson placed in the top 50) is Sourour's coaching approach.

"These problems are not for the faint of heart and solving them is a bit like playing chess," says the Egyptian native. "The more you play, the better you are." Sourour holds practice sessions twice weekly during the fall term to prepare his students.



Teresa Moore photo

Ahmed Sourour (l) coaches UVic's successful math team of Peter Dukes (c), Idris Merser and Jared Anderson. The team finished 14 in a gruelling North American math competition.

They tackle questions from previous years, honing their problem-solving ability.

Team members are pleased with their finish and two are planning to try again next year. Mercer, who has competed four times, is graduating this year and will be ineligible for future competition, but both Anderson, who has competed in two Putnams, and Dukes will try again. "This is like recreation for us," says Dukes, a second year math student.

All three plan to go on to a PhD. in math, then teach and do research at a university.

"There is a lot of interest in the Putnam competition," says Pfaffenberger. "Graduate schools watch out for students who have done well." Sourour, too, is watching out for students who can handle these tough problems. So, if you solved the problem, give him a call. There may be room on next year's team.

Town Hall meeting to discuss Strategic Plan

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Discussion of the importance of research sparked an emotional reaction. Some participants felt the plan unnecessarily stressed the need for research with economic spin-offs and overlooked the importance of teaching.

Dr. David Zimmerman (History) said: "For a good number of people in the trenches, this document is irrelevant and offensive. Universities are not places for strictly utilitarian research. Focusing on this is, in my view, frightening."

"Why does a university exist?" asked Hanson. "It has to do something useful. If anyone here does anything useful, it's through teaching."

"No students, no university," agreed Griffith. "Teaching students first is a major priority."

As the meeting ended, graduate student Kathryn Sutherland suggested that what is needed is a firm commitment to teaching by the faculty, supported by the University.

Governance

The workshop discussion on the issue paper on University governance attracted eight participants. Students, a Student and Ancillary Services professional staff member, and a unionized employee all reported feeling that their respective groups were ignored and not appreciated in the issues paper. Dr. John Osborne (History in Art) asked: "How can we expect faculty members to put in an 80-hour week if they are not feeling a part of the process?"

Dr. Jim McDavid, Dean of Human and Social Development and a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force, asked why everyone feels less valued and then suggested an answer. "Is it because universities are less valued by society, and this is affecting us all?"

Much discussion focused on participation on University campuses. Various people said they felt uncomfortable while participating in committee meetings and feeling that their contributions were not respected. It was suggested that the University should institute a system of incentives and rewards for participating on committees and that training in committee dynamics be available to committee and department chairs.

Jill Tate, Administrative Secretary for the School of Physical Education and a Task Force member, said, "I feel part of the University because I feel the same lack of respect as all other members of the Task Force."

Stacey Tabert, UVSS Director of Academics, mentioned that the areas of equity and environmental responsibility previously had been identified as important issues and that they did not appear in the issue paper.

McDavid replied that the Task Force was committed to include these "cross-cutting" issues in the draft strategic plan.

Learning and Teaching

The dozen people who attended the workshop on teaching and learning spent much of their time wrestling with how to provide students with the skills they need in order to learn from their teachers.

Director of Student and Ancillary Services, Jim Griffith, suggested UVic consider offering a credit course, similar to one he helped develop at the University of Prince Edward Island, that promotes student successes.

Dr. Jim McDavid, Dean of Human and Social Development and a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force, expressed concern over finding the "leverage" to convince faculty members in different academic programs that it's in their best interest to offer such a program.

Griffith admitted that universities offering learning skills programs initially found it difficult to convince the faculty of their effectiveness, but that faculty members became supportive once shown the programs could be evaluated. He said the retention rate for students who took such programs was 85 per cent compared to 55 to 60 per cent for those who didn't.

Don Hamilton, the education librarian, said many students have no idea how to use the computer programs that are supposed to assist them to access the libraries' resources but are reluctant to seek instruction.

McDavid asked how to handle the problem of skill development being seen as a "less noble" pursuit at a university.

"You need those skills to learn your discipline," said Sharon Acker, the music librarian. "If the students don't arrive with them, we have to teach them."

Internationalization

The workshop on internationalization attracted people from the areas most directly affected from a global approach to education: admissions, counselling services, Co-op Japan and the School of Business. All agreed that internationalization is interdisciplinary and affects all aspects of campus life.

Discussion focused on establishing a separate international liaison office to handle applications from international students and the specialized administrative work their presence creates. Participants also examined why UVic wants to encourage foreign students. While all agreed their presence adds diversity, concern was expressed that foreign students also displace Canadian applicants. Currently, two per cent of UVic's undergrads are international students compared to four per cent of the graduate students.

Workshop participants were told that tuition charged international students at other Canadian universities is less than that charged at UVic and that the University is losing out on attracting students in a highly competitive international market.

Participants agreed the Strategic Plan must clarify if the University is interested in internationalization for monetary gain, to assist the developing world or for diversification of programs.

Engineering scholarships

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers is awarding $45,000 worth of scholarships in 1995. To be eligible, candidates must be registered as full members with one of the provincial or territorial professional engineering associations and have been accepted for post-graduate studies by a recognized university.

The North American Life Scholarship Program offers three scholarships of $10,000 each to engineers returning to university for further study in an engineering related field. The Meloche Monnex Scholarship Program offers two scholarships of $5,000 each to engineers returning to university for further study or research in a field other than engineering, chosen to augment the candidate's performance in engineering. The Encon Endowment of $5,000 will be awarded to an individual wishing to pursue studies in the area of engineering failure investigation and/or materials testing.

The deadline for all applications is May 1, 1995. For further information contact the provincial or territorial professional engineering association or write: National Scholarship Program, Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, 401-116 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G3.

Safety audits begin on campus

$55,000 makes audits possible

By Robie Liscomb

With funding from the Safer Campuses Initiative of the B.C. Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour, UVic has begun a series of personal safety audits of campus buildings, grounds, and parking areas. Last November the ministry made available $55,000 to each B.C. post-secondary institution to be used in making campuses safer places for women to work and study.

UVic's effort is being spearheaded by the Safer Campuses Initiative Subcommittee of the Campus Security Committee, chaired by Mary-Anne Teo (Electrical & Computer Engineering), and involves Campus Security Services as well.

The safety audits will involve volunteer teams who will investigate and make recommendations regarding personal safety pertaining to the campus areas and buildings they regularly use. Participation from a wide variety of people is essential in ensuring the success of these audits, Teo points out. "Although the primary focus is on women's safety, we will take into account safety-related issues also faced by others in our community. There are complex factors to be considered, such as homophobia, racism, and the safety needs of people with physical disabilities."

The subcommittee, comprised of representatives from a wide variety of campus populations, has established a prioritized list of campus buildings and areas, and the audits will proceed according to these priorities. Top priority has been given to buildings that receive heavy traffic, and the McKinnon Building, the Campus Services Building, and the Commons Block are the first to have safety audits.

"The funding from the ministry will enable us to get a start on the safety audits. However, we intend eventually to complete safety audits of the entire campus and institute regular updates of these audits," says Teo.

Meanwhile, Campus Security Services Patrol Officer Lynn Chester is visiting University departments involved in the first audits and assisting in their effort. As part of their involvement, people in each area will complete a safety questionnaire. "The campus safety audit questionnaire is quite thorough," says Teo. "It has been used extensively at other institutions and is one of the best available, covering both the physical and psychological aspects of safety."

Recommendations for safety improvements coming from the audits will be reviewed by the subcommittee, which will assign priorities and forward the recommendations on to the administration for implementation as financial resources allow.

In addition to the safety audits, there are two other components to UVic's response to the Safer Campuses Initiative. A casual employee has been hired and is compiling an indexed manual of all University policies relating to personal safety, which will then be used as a basis for reviewing policies and procedures and recommending improvements. The subcommittee is also reviewing personal safety education and awareness programs and materials to determine how such efforts can be enhanced at UVic.

Anyone who has questions or wishes to participate in a volunteer audit team should call Lynn Chester or Campus Security Services Assistant Manager Ken Marrison (8787) or Mary-Anne Teo (8674).

New destinations for students

Fukushima and Yogyakarta added to School of Business list

School of Business students have two more destinations to choose from when planning their overseas academic and Co-op experience — Fukushima University in Fukushima, Japan and Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

The five students heading to Fukushima this month will attend classes two days of the week and spend the rest of the week on work terms instead of the traditional format of segregating study and work terms. The students will stay in Japan until February, 1996. Fukushima University is providing them with their airfare and is covering their room and board at a downtown residence for international students. The third-year business students will complete work terms in a bank, a hotel and a manufacturing company.

Five more students will arrive at Gadjah Mada University in September. One of Indonesia's best universities, the campus is described as "gorgeous" by the School's international program co-ordinator Colette Anderson. Yogyakarta is a very historical city with a rich cultural life.

The devastating earthquake in Kobe, Japan sent the School's five students at Konan University home four months ahead of schedule, but they were able to complete their work terms in Canada. Konan hopes to continue its exchange program with UVic on a limited basis in the fall.

CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS APRIL 28.

ATHLETICS EXHIBITIONS FILMS LECTURES MUSIC RECREATION
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Continuing

E Japanese Pottery and Tradition. Works by contemporary Japanese potters. U. Ctr. Maltwood Gallery. To April 30. Info 721-8298.

E Painted Words. Paintings and Poetry by artist Lillian Dych and writer Bill Harrington. *The Story of an Artist and a Poet with Parkinson's Disease.* McPherson Library Gallery. To April 24. Info 721-8298.

Friday, April 7

M 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. UVic Chamber Singers. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

L 2:30 p.m. *Airline Capacity and Capital Structure.* Anming Zhang. CORN B344. Info 721-8532.

F 2:30 & 6:45 & 9:20 p.m. *Ready to Wear* (USA/France, 1994) Robert Altman. $4-$6 at door, $3 matinee. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

O 5:00 p.m. Phoenix Theatre Open House. To 6:30 p.m. Phoenix Theatre. Info 721-7992.

F 11:45 p.m. *Dazed and Confused* (USA, 1993) Richard Linklater. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, April 8

T 2:00 p.m. *Winnie The Pooh.* Four Seasons Musical Theatre. $5 at U. Ctr., McPherson box offices, and at door. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 721-6561.

F 2:30 & 6:45 & 9:20 p.m. *Ready to Wear* (USA/France, 1994) Robert Altman. $4-$6 at door, $3 matinee. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. UVic Chorus and Orchestra. $5-$8 at School of Music office. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 721-6561.

F 11:45 p.m. *Dazed and Confused* (USA, 1993) Richard Linklater. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Sunday, April 9

O 12:00 p.m. Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. Grades 4-12 Science Fair projects. To 3:30 p.m. Elliot Building. Info 721-7162.

M 2:30 p.m. UVic Chorus and Orchestra. $5-$8 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 721-6561.

F 6:45 & 9:20 p.m. *The Shawshank Redemption* (US, 1994) Frank Darabont. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Monday, April 10

O 10:00 a.m. Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. Grades 4-12 Science Fair projects. To 1:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony 1:30-3:00 p.m. Elliot Building. Info 721-7162.

F 6:45 & 9:10 p.m. *Higher Learning* (US, 1994) John Singleton. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Tuesday, April 11

O 1:30 p.m. Alternative Strategies for Educational Delivery in the 21st Century. Dr. Tony Bates, Open Learning Agency. U. Ctr. A180. Registration & info 721-8571.

F 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *Heavenly Creatures* (NZ, 1994) Peter Jackson. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

L 7:30 p.m. *Intertidal Ecology.* Phil Lambert. BEGB 159. Info 721-7148.

Wednesday, April 12

F 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *Heavenly Creatures* (NZ, 1994) Peter Jackson. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Thursday, April 13

F 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *Heavenly Creatures* (NZ, 1994) Peter Jackson. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Friday, April 14

F 7:10 & 9:15 p.m. *Dumb and Dumber* (US, 1994) Peter Farrelly. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, April 15

T 2:00 p.m. *Winnie The Pooh.* Four Seasons Musical Theatre. $5 at U. Ctr., McPherson box offices, & at door. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 721-6561.

F 7:10 & 9:15 p.m. *Dumb and Dumber* (US, 1994) Peter Farrelly. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Guest Recital. Darla Crispin, piano. $5-$8 at School of Music office. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

Sunday, April 16

T 2:00 p.m. *Winnie The Pooh.* Four Seasons Musical Theatre. $5 at U. Ctr., McPherson box offices, & at door. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

F 7:00 & 9:00 p.m. *Jesus Christ Superstar* (US, 1973) Norman Jewison. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. *Virtual Drums/Robot Pianos.* Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

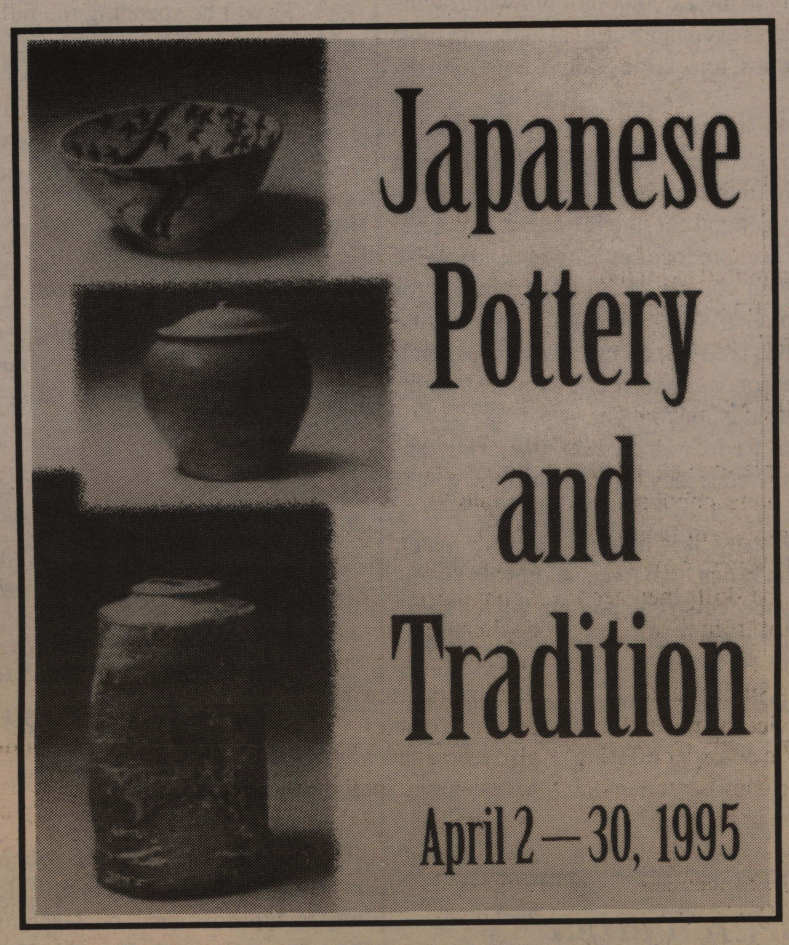
Monday, April 17

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Eat Drink Man Woman* (US/Taiwan, 1994) Ang Lee. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Tuesday, April 18

F 7:15 & 9:10 p.m. *Clerks* (US, 1994) Kevin Smith. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Wednesday, April 19



Sixty-four works by contemporary Japanese potters are on display at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery until April 30. The Maltwood showing is the Canadian premiere of* Japanese Pottery and Tradition*, and beginning of a national tour. Sponsored by the Japan Foundation, the Embassy of Japan and the Department of Canadian Heritage, the exhibition is curated by Hasebe Mitsuhiko, chief curator of the Crafts Gallery, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo.

F 7:10 & 9:15 p.m. *I Like it Like That* (US, 1994) Darnell Martin. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Bachelor of Music Graduating Recital. Karian Brigidear, piano. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Info 721-7903.

M 8:00 p.m. The Highlanders. $15 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

Thursday, April 20

F 7:10 & 9:15 p.m. *I Like it Like That* (US, 1994) Darnell Martin. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Friday, April 21

F 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *Shallow Grave* (GB, 1994) Danny Boyle. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Arion Choir. $9 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

Saturday, April 22

F 7:15 & 9:15 p.m. *Shallow Grave* (GB, 1994) Danny Boyle. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Civic Orchestra. $10 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

Sunday, April 23

O 2:00 p.m. UVic Finnerty Gardens Tea and Tour. To 5:00 p.m. Tea & cookies $1. Entrance to the Gardens, beside Interfaith Chapel. Info 592-2070.

F 7:15 & 9:10 p.m. *Baraka* (US, 1992) Ron Fricke. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 7:30 p.m. Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra. $6-$10 at GVYO office & door only. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 360-1121.

Monday, April 24

F 7:00 & 9:25 p.m. *Exotica* (CAN, 1994) Atom Egoyan. Plus EN PASSANT (92). A 20 min. short by Atom Egoyan. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Tuesday, April 25

E MFA Sculpture Exhibition. McPherson Library Gallery. Info 721-8298.

F 7:00 & 9:25 p.m. *Exotica* (CAN, 1994) Atom Egoyan. Plus EN PASSANT (92). A 20 min. short by Atom Egoyan. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Wednesday, April 26

F 5:45 & 9:00 p.m. *Hoop Dreams* (US, 1994) Steve James/Fred Marx/Peter Gilbert. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. 5th Band Concert. $12.50 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

Thursday, April 27

F 5:45 & 9:00 p.m. *Hoop Dreams* (US, 1994) Steve James/Fred Marx/Peter Gilbert. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Friday, April 28

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Boys on the Side* (US, 1995) Herbert Ross. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Saturday, April 29

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Boys on the Side* (US, 1995) Herbert Ross. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

O 8:00 p.m. Pedestrian Suite. Ballet. $7-$11 at U. Ctr. & McPherson box offices. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 386-6121.

Sunday, April 30

M 2:30 p.m. Victoria Symphony Classics. Music of Hadyn, Mozart, Beethoven. $18-$19 at Royal box office. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 385-6515.

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Little Women* (US, 1994) Gillian Armstrong. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Monday, May 1

F 7:00 & 9:15 p.m. *Calendar* (CAN, 1993) Atom Egoyan. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

M 8:00 p.m. Victoria Symphony Classics. Hadyn, Mozart, Beethoven. $18-$19 at Royal box office. U. Ctr. Auditorium. Info 385-6515.

Tuesday, May 2

F 7:00 & 9:15 p.m. *The Last Seduction* (US, 1993) John Dahl. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Wednesday, May 3

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* (US, 1994) Alan Rudolph. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Thursday, May 4

F 7:00 & 9:20 p.m. *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* (US, 1994) Alan Rudolph. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Friday, May 5

F 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. *Immortal Beloved* (US, 1994) Bernard Rose. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

L 8:00 p.m. *Prospects for a Neurobiology of Consciousness.* Dr. Patricia Churchland, U of California at San Diego. Commons Dining Room. Info 721-8821.

Saturday, May 6

F 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. *Immortal Beloved* (US, 1994) Bernard Rose. $4-$6 at door. SUB Theatre. Info 721-8365.

Women and youth to sing

Philomela and Prima

UVic's two new choruses: PHILOMELA Women's Chorus and PRIMA Youth Choir will present a joint concert on April 11 at 8 p.m. in the Philip T. Young Recital Hall, School of Music, UVic, under conductors Susan Young and Bruce More. Admission is by donation.

Dates and deadlines

Important information for readers of The Ring

The next edition of *The Ring* will be published on May 5 with a deadline of April 28. The following (Convocation) edition will be published on May 31 with a deadline of May 22. The deadlines apply to Calendar items, classified ads, and other submissions.

LETTERS

Bone marrow donor sought

Dear Friends:

My wife, Chris, has recently been diagnosed with chronic myeloid (bone marrow) leukemia. Her best chances for survival are through a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, Chris has an unusual histocompatibility profile such that neither of her brothers is a matched donor, and only a very few people currently in the 2,000,000-donor world-wide registry have even a chance of matching. A close match is even more critical than with most transplants because unlike other transplants where the host rejects the graft, in bone marrow transplant the graft rejects the host.

I am sending this note out because there might be someone out there who, by making a bone marrow donation, might save Chris's life. To become a donor, you need to give a blood sample, and be informed as to what you are volunteering for. Donating marrow (a bone marrow "harvest") requires you to be put under a general anesthetic and have your hip bones poked with thick needles, about 100 times. You are sore for days. However, in a week it is all over. You would be called to donate only when you are found to be a match for someone in (desperate) need of a bone marrow transplant. As you might have guessed, the chance that any one of you reading this being a match is pretty small but nevertheless real. In addition, the chance that you might be a suitable donor for someone else, and might therefore be able to save someone else's spouse or child is much higher.

If you are interested, please contact the local Red Cross at 382-2043. They are running information sessions at 12:00 noon and 7 pm, Wednesday May 17 and they would like people to register in advance.

It is pure speculation on my part, but I think that Chris might be hard to match because she is a first-generation cross of Quebecois and Irish, two longstanding and well-established gene pools. For historical reasons, the Quebecois gene pool may have some unique properties. If you have any heritage along these lines, please seriously consider attending one of the information sessions.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and if you decide to donate, thank you for your sacrifice.

Ron Skelton
Department of Psychology

CSRS defended—research cited

Editor:

John Hayward's letter (*The Ring*, March 24th) highlighted the purpose of *the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society* (CSRS) as a "scholarly study of religion in relation to the sciences, ethics, and other aspects of culture." He questioned the degree to which the CSRS is fulfilling this mandate.

In response let me mention some Centre research projects which clearly focus on this purpose: "Population, Consumption and the Environment" (funded by SSHRC); "A Cross-Cultural Approach to Health Care Ethics" (funded by SSHRC) and "Tensions between Traditional and Modern Approaches to the Environment" (funded by the Canadian Global Change Program). All of these international research team projects include scientists, social scientists and humanists (as well as researchers from government and the private sector).

Individual research fellows in the Centre are at work on their own projects as diverse as: "Anti-Semitism in Western Canada", "Relationship between Religion and Insanity in Nineteenth-Century Canada", and "Religious and Political Dimensions of the Troubles in Northern Ireland". Visiting lectures during the past year have included: Dr. Terence Penelhum, a philosopher, "Can We Believe Impossible Things?"; Dr. Michael Burgess, a medical ethics specialist, "Religion and the Medicalization of Dying"; Dr. Conrad Brunk, a philosopher, "The Physician-assisted-suicide Debate"; Dr. Rosemary Omer, a geographer and historian; "Sacred and Profane Views of Economic Life"; and Dr. Edmundo Garcia, a political scientist, "Religion and Peacemaking in Contemporary Conflicts". Not one of these was a theologian.

Contrary to Hayward's claim that the CSRS is not fulfilling its mandate, the above evidence shows a vigorous study of religion *in relation* to science, ethics and other aspects of culture. Nor is the Centre's research "largely church-funded" as Hayward suggested. Indeed, the majority of our research funding has been raised in the peer-refereed granting competitions of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) where our work has been rated first or second out of all Canadian applications. Other research funding has come from such non-church related organizations as the Canadian Global Change Program and the Ford Foundation of New York.

Hayward's complaint focuses on the fact that one of our lecture series this year, which he attended, "Life After Death in the World Religions" did not include a lecture on the topic from a natural or social science perspective. Unlike most of our research, mentioned above, which specifically engages religion in dialogue with science, ethics and culture, the "Life After Death" lecture series was designed to fulfil another part of the Centre's mandate, namely, the promotion of scholarly dialogue and understanding between the various religions of the world. Had Hayward been able to attend the Centre's lectures this year by Professors Penelhum, Brunk or Burgess, he would have found an ample engagement of science and social science sources of "revelation", as he puts it, with the end of life questions that the religions also address.

Harold Coward
Director, CSRS

Editor:

While I cannot speak on behalf of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS), I do take exception to John Hayward's narrow interpretation of its mandate. The Centre conducts a wide range of both academic and "general public" programs; the series on "Life After Death" was just one of these. I recently attended a symposium sponsored by the Centre on the relationship between religion and revolution and it was clearly "in relation" to science... in this case political science.

I will be spending the fall semester of 1995 in the CSRS investigating the relationship between the religious beliefs of Hutterites and their cardiovascular health...again, this is another example of how the Centre is meeting its mandate "in relation" to science. Thus, before rushing to the conclusion that the CSRS is failing to live up to its mandate, it would be prudent to take a wider perspective. Indeed, to draw upon Hayward's own analogy, even the legal system requires that all of the evidence must be weighed before rushing to judgement.

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"False beliefs" & nasty things—warning given

Editor:

Dr. Daniels' letter in your March 24 issue rightly deplores the lack of clear thinking in the document on teaching by the President's Strategic Planning Task Force. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the unexplained leap from the equation "Less Money + More Students = Opportunity to Rethink Teaching" to the equation "Less Money = Fewer Faculty + More Machines".

We in the language departments have long experience of using machines of many kinds to support our teaching. We have found that they do some tasks remarkably well. Perhaps I will surprise no-one when I state that these are mechanical tasks.

Let us hope that we will not, as a result of the learning experience the Task Force wishes upon us, acquire "dogmatic, groundless or false beliefs", or any of the other nasty things Dr. Daniels correctly warns us we might learn.

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Visionary leader remembered

Seventeen years after it was opened, the University Centre auditorium will be officially named the Farquhar Auditorium on Saturday, April 8. Dr. David Strong will preside over the ceremony which will include a concert by the UVic Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of George Corwin (see story below) and a reception at the Maltwood Gallery.

Dr. Hugh E. Farquhar, president of UVic from 1972 to 1974, is best known for the direction he brought to the new campus. He began his career teaching in rural B.C., moved to elementary and secondary schools in Oak Bay, then joined the faculty of the Victoria Normal School and Victoria College. When UVic opened in 1963, Farquhar became a professor in the Faculty of Education. His responsibilities included taking responsibility for planning the new campus at Gordon Head.

In 1970 he took early retirement. Less than a year later, at the request of the Board of Governors, he was back at UVic as acting Dean of Education. When Dr. Bruce Partridge resigned as president, he assumed the presidency. During his three year presidency he laid the foundation for the future development of the University and was influential in expanding the traditional liberal arts orientation to include professional schools and programs such as the Schools of Law, Nursing, Social Work, Child Care and Public Administration. The McKinnon Gymnasium, Saunders Building and the addition to the Library were all opened during his tenure. One of his greatest dreams was to see a University Centre which would be the hub of the University's student, administrative and cultural life. The Centre opened in 1978.

Farquhar died in 1984, survived by his wife Jean and three sons, all of whom will attend the naming ceremony. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and concert. For further information please contact the School of Music at 721-7903.

Corwin bids adieu

George Corwin (Music) will make his farewell appearance as conductor with the orchestra he founded 26years ago when the University of Victoria Chorus and Orchestra, with guest soloists, Alexandra Browning, soprano, Susan Young, soprano, and Bernard Turgeon, baritone, perform Brahms' *A German Requiem* and *Academic Festival Overture*, and the premiere of a work by Ian McDougall (Music), *Music when Soft Voices Die*, derived from a poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley.

On April 8 and 9, at the University Centre Auditorium (see story above) Corwin will make his farewell appearances as conductor with the Orchestra and Choir he first led on April 6, 1969, in UVic's Old Gym — now demolished. Corwin is retiring later this year from the faculty of the School of Music. *A German Requiem* was also performed by the Chorus and Orchestra at its inaugual concert 26 years ago.

The concert in the University Centre on April 8 will be at 8 p.m. and on April 9 at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship in music.